application has been filed by the Government of India requesting the High Court to direct the Respondent nos. 4 to 6 *i.e.* DOW Chemical Company, Union Carbide Corporation, USA and Eveready Industries India Limited, Kolkata to deposit an amount of Rs.100 crore as advance for environmental remediation of the former Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) Plant site at Bhopal, in terms of Rule 16 of the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 in pursuance of the principle of 'polluter pays'. The matter is *sub-judice*. The entry, facilities and operations of foreign companies in. India are governed by the rules of Foreign Direct Investment(FDI) and relevant Acts applicable and the same applies to the DOW Chemicals Company.

PCPIR in Andhra Pradesh

1396. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is receiving proposals for setting up of Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIR);

(b) if so, whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted any such proposal;

(c) if so, whether the clearance has been accorded to the proposal;

(d) if so, the location of the new PCPIR which would come up in Andhra Pradesh and what would be the cost of the project and when it would be commenced; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. An application for setting up a PCPIR at Vishakhapatnam-Kakinada-Rajahmundry was received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. A preliminary scrutiny of same was undertaken on 26th July, 2007 in association with the representatives of the Government of AP. Accordingly the Government of Andhra Pradesh is to submit a revised proposal.

Price increase of urea

1397. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any increase in the price of urea, SSP and MOP since 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to roll back the increase in prices for the welfare of farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.